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SUBJECT: AID CRITERIA FOR INDONESIA TO BE MAINTAINED

1. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER DE KONING TOLD THE SECOND CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 22 DURING THE DEBATE ON HIS MINISTRY'S 1978 BUDGET THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY THE SAME THREE CRITERIA FOR BILATERAL AID TO INDONESIA AS DID HIS PREDECESSOR PRONK. THE FIRST TWO -- THE EXTENT OF POVERTY (AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME PER CAPITA) AND THE NEED FOR AID (JUDGED BY THE VOLUME OF AID OTHER RICH COUNTRIES GIVE TO THE COUNTRY CONCERNED)-- WILL REMAIN EXACTLY THE SAME. THE THIRD CRITERION, WHICH IS THE POSSIBILITY TO PURSUE A POLICY THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY ITSELF AND BENEFIT THE ENTIRE POPULATION, WAS TRANSLATED DIFFERENTLY BY DE KONING. WHEREAS PRONK ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE SYSTEM OR IDEOLOGY
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OF A RECIPIENT COUNTRY, DE KONING SAID THAT THIS WAS NO CRITERION BECAUSE THE SYSTEM OR IDEOLOGY WAS A MATTER FOR THE COUNTRY ITSELF. THE MAIN THING WAS WHETHER THE POLICY OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY WAS AIMED AT THE DEVELOPMENT CHANCES OF THE VERY POOR.

2. DE KONING REFUSED TO PROMISE THE CHAMBER A

MEMORANDUM ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH INDONESIA
WHICH HIS PRECEDESSOR PRONK HAD PROMISE THE CHAMBER.
THE REPORT WAS TO BE AN EVALUATION ON HOW INDONESIA SPENDS
ITS AID AND HOW HUMAN RIGHTS ARE TREATED IN THAT COUNTRY.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, DE KONING SAID IN A TV INTERVIEW ON
FEBRUARY 23 HE PLANS TO PUT A CEILING OF \$200.00 PER CAPITA
INCOME (ONE DOLLAR NOW EQUALS 2.17 GUILDERS) PER YEAR AS
A CRITERION FOR ALL DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID IN THE FUTURE BUT
WOULD PHASE THIS IN GRADUALLY.
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